

Memorandum

Date: October 3, 2002

To: Management Agencies

From: Project Agencies
Department of Water Resources

Subject: **Fish Action #8-02: June 1 through June 2, 2002**

Description of Action

The Management Agencies requested a moderation of the planned increase in pumping at the State Water Project and Central Valley Project facilities from June 1 through June 2 following the “shoulders” on VAMP. The purpose was to minimize any adverse effects of the increased pumping rate on the delta smelt. A schedule was developed for SWP and CVP exports to increase in stepwise fashion over a couple of days of 1,100 cfs per day combined.

The Delta Cross Channel Gates were closed.

Estimated Cost Of Action

The Department of Water Resources has estimated that this action reduced the SWP and CVP exports by approximately 3 TAF and 2 TAF, respectively. These estimates assume daily exports would have continued at a level approximately between 1,200 cfs and 2,350 cfs at SWP, and 2,350 cfs and 3,000 cfs at CVP in the base operation. The actual amount could vary slightly depending upon the actual operations required to meet Delta standards


Method Of Accounting For Costs

DWR will provide to the Management Agencies an accounting of the actual water, energy, storage and conveyance costs or credits associated with the use of EWA assets in a future settlement of all EWA costs and credits. The water cost analysis will include a comparison between the actual operation (with the fish action) and a base operation (based on planned exports).

Disagreements regarding the analysis are to be discussed within the B2/EWA Interagency Team. If necessary, disputes will be elevated to the Water Operations Management Team for final resolution.

B(2)/EWA Assets

The Management Agencies have concluded that this was an EWA action. Therefore, EWA assets will be applied to the export reductions of SWP and CVP. This fish action is not to impact the baseline delivery capability of SWP and CVP. Therefore, the Project Agencies are to make operations and water allocation decisions based upon the base operations plan, absent the fish action.

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